

## A TRUCELESS WAR

The Unending Struggle Between the Sea and the Shore.

### VICTORIES ON BOTH SIDES.

Sometimes the Ocean Lashes Its Way Through Rocky Cliffs, and Sometimes the Wind and Land Combine to Beat the Billows Back to Defeat.

It is a truceless war that the waters of the world are waging against its lands. John Oliver LaGorce, associate editor of the National Geographic society, has prepared for that institution a study of this striking struggle between the earth and the sea with the shores lines of the world as the far flung theater of war.

After calling attention to the fact that the processes which have transformed the polar regions from dense jungles of tropical growth into lands of perpetual ice and snow, which have brought the tops of mountains to the bottom of the sea and the bottom of the sea to the tops of mountains, are still going on, although the hands upon the face of the clock of geology move so slowly that we cannot perceive their movement, Mr. LaGorce continues:

"Along every coast line on the face of the earth there is perpetual warfare between the land and the sea, with the wind as the shifting line, now throwing its weight into the balance on the one side and now on the other. Here the land is taking the offensive, driving the sea back foot by foot, always with the aid of the wind; there the sea marshals a great drive and eats its way landward slowly and laboriously, but none the less successfully.

"The varying fortunes of this relentless and age long war which neither truce nor treaty will ever bring to an end can be read in the shifting sands of the seashore. At many points along the coast of the northeastern states are found bold cliffs, and the charging sea attacks them with the shot and shell of loose shingle. Some of them, however, are adamant and impregnable in their frontal fortifications and hold out against the sorest siege, but between them have occurred stretches of softer rock which have been literally pounded to dust by the ocean's heavy artillery, thus permitting flank attacks on the hitherto unconquered defenses.

"Along the southeastern coast, however, the rock bound cliff is the exception and the long stretches of glittering sand the rule. Here the sandy beach reaches out farther and farther into the sea, and the water is thus enabled to penetrate farther and farther into the land because the attack of the sea is usually a frontal movement and that of the land frequently a wedge attack. Thus we can account for the long

straight shore on the one hand and the split on the other.

"The formation of the beach immediately guarded by the Cape Henry light is not changing so rapidly as is the case only a few miles on either side because of its somewhat protected position, due to the many sand bars or reefs far out from shore which, acting as the first trenches, serve to break the charge of the white horses of Father Neptune as they dash in from the ocean, and, because of this knowledge of defense it is plain to be seen that a good quarter of a mile of beach has been added by the defender since the old light was erected.

"Rockaway beach, Long Island, grows westward at the rate of nearly a mile every twenty years. At Nag Head, N. O., the land has extended into the sea at the rate of thirty-five feet a year. In 1804 Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch prepared a chart of Salem and Marblehead harbors, giving the soundings over various ledges of rock. Ninety years later similar soundings were taken, and in all cases the water was found to be considerably deeper, once again telling the tale of endless warrings.

"On the shore of Cape Cod, near Chatham, the land is retreating at the rate of a foot a year, and on the southern shore of Martha's Vineyard it is giving up the fight to the enemy at the rate of three feet every twelve months. While on the southern face of Nantucket the retreat has been as much as six feet a year, the records tell us.

"In its incessant warfare against the land the sea literally takes its captured hosts and makes them do battle under its command. The bowlders that are shattered from the face of a cliff are dashed up against it again and again, hammering others loose, the while being worn round and smooth as the projectile of big guns must be. As the process goes on these huge shells are worn down and crumbled until there remains nothing to tell the story of forced fighting against their own stronghold save grains of sand on some distant beach or the soft carpet spread upon the floor of the sea many fathoms deep.

"How rapidly this process goes on is sometimes strikingly shown. A schooner laden with bricks is beached on some bare shore in a storm. These bricks are rolled and tumbled a distance of five miles or so in the course of a year, and by that time attrition has usually completed its work. Authorities say that on the shores of Cape Ann a fragment of stone as big as a nail keg has been worn completely round by its constant turning during the course of but five years."

A propensity to hope and joy is real riches, one to fear and sorrow real poverty.—Hume

Probably.  
"My barber told me a wonderful story this morning."  
"Illustrated with cuts, I presume?"  
St. Louis Post Dispatch

## HISTORY AS IT IS TAUGHT.

A Plea For Really Neutral Textbooks In Every Country.

History in every country is so taught as to magnify that country. Children learn to believe that their own country has been always in the right and almost always victorious, that it has produced almost all the great men and that it is in all respects superior to all other countries. Since these beliefs are flattering they are easily absorbed and hardly ever dislodged from instinct by later knowledge.

To take a simple and almost trivial example: The facts about the battle of Waterloo are known in great detail and with minute accuracy, but the facts as taught in elementary schools will be widely different in England, France and Germany. The ordinary English boy imagines that the Prussians played hardly any part; the ordinary German boy imagines that Wellington was practically defeated when the day was retrieved by Blücher's gallantry. If the facts were taught accurately in both countries national pride would not be fostered to the same extent, neither nation would feel so certain of victory in the event of war and the willingness to fight would be diminished.

It is this result which has to be prevented. Every state wishes to foster national pride and is conscious that this cannot be done by unbiased history.

The defenseless children are taught by distortions and suppressions and suggestions. The false ideas as to the history of the world which are taught in the various countries are of a kind which fosters strife and serves to keep alive a bigoted nationalism.

If good relations between states were desired one of the first steps ought to be to submit all teaching of history to an international commission which should produce neutral textbooks free from the patriotic bias which is now demanded everywhere.—Bertrand Russell in Atlantic Monthly.

## SCENIC BEAUTY OF ALASKA.

A Grand Panorama That Reaches Its Climax in Mount McKinley.

A careful reading of literature pertaining to Alaska prepared me in part for what the journey was bound to disclose, but seeing is the only sense that can give knowledge and secure appreciation of the grandeur, the sublimity, the fascinating beauty of mountain, sea, stream, flood, falls, islands, forests, cloud and the glorious color effects which the dazzling rays of the sun bring into existence. In connection with all these is a land of enchantment for all who love and can appreciate nature.

Cook inlet, with its arms and reaches, has many bewildering channels, resulting from the numerous rugged islands. The forbidding and embattled shores rising into lofty mountains and at present swathed in white almost to the water's edge possess a virility, a grandeur and sublimity which require the most poetic imagination and most facile pen even faintly to portray. The grand panorama reaches its climax in Mount McKinley, monarch of the North American continent. With its altitude of 20,400 feet it stands alone in lofty pride and is distinctly visible from the vessel notwithstanding the very great distance. This fact well establishes the quality of the clarified and invigorating atmosphere of this far north country.

The Thousand Islands with all their beauty would scarcely serve as a prelude to the surpassing grandeur and loveliness of the many thousand islands that adorn the 3,000 miles of Alaskan coast. The fjords of Norway, the famed glaciers of Switzerland, cannot compare with their counterparts to be found in Alaska in number, variety, size, color effect and all the qualities that give charm to these works of nature.—Hon. A. Barton Hepburn in Leslie's.

Eggs and Onions.  
If less meat, shall we eat superboiled eggs after the manner of the Albanians? It testifies to the strength of their digestions. An equal number of eggs and onions are boiled together for about three hours daily on ten successive days, the eggs being slightly pricked after each boil so that the juice of the onions thoroughly permeates them. They are naturally as hard as bullets at the end of this treatment, but an Albanian will beat down a huge plateful helped down by lashings of olive oil, and then clamor for a second helping.—London Chronicle

Windward and Leeward Isles.  
The Leeward Islands are so called because they are less exposed to the prevailing northeast trade wind than the Windward Islands near by, while the Windward Islands in turn derive their name from the fact that they are the most exposed to these winds of all the Lesser Antilles.

The Sure Tip.  
"How did you get that new suit?"  
"Had a sure tip on a horse race."  
"I never knew one of those sure tips to pan out."  
"Neither did I. So I didn't play it. Put the money into this suit instead."  
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Boost.  
"Do you think you can get along on my salary of fourteen a week?"  
"Why, certainly, dovey. As an allowance now papa only gives me ten."  
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### Worse Yet.

"Don't you get awfully tired of running to catch that 7:59 train every morning?" asked the city man.  
"No," replied the commuter. "I don't mind that so much. What gets me sore is when I bolt my breakfast in about 10 seconds flat and break all records running to the train, only to find out that the 7:59 is half an hour late."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### Modern Forts.

No existing fort of whatever material it may be constructed is able to stand up against the great guns now in use. Forts are now merely points on the battle lines and no longer forts in the old sense of the word.—New York American.

### A Bulgarian Superstition.

Among the superstitious natives of Bulgaria the prophet Elijah is believed to control the elements. During heavy thunderstorms the women fall on their faces and pray, "Dear Lord Elijah do not drive so fast with your fiery horses."

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Her First Day in Church.  
The two trustees in the church took up the collection in the middle aisle, then began in front again and worked the side aisles.  
"I should think" whispered the small girl to her father, "they would have four waiters one for each aisle."—Newark News

Courage.  
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